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Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, an emergency meeting of the Higher Education Commission was held via video conference on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Donald Birx, Chair
Sr. Paula Marie Buley, Vice Chair
Frank Edelblut
Joseph Favazza
Mark Laliberte
Cathy Provencher
Charles Lloyd
Kim Mooney
Kevin O'Shea
Susan Stuebner
Alfred Williams
Melinda Treadwell

The following members were not present:

Michael Apfelberg Susan Huard James Dean Michele Perkins Mark Rubinstein

1) Chair Brix called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Mr. Edelblut read the emergency authorization and a roll call vote was taken by Laura Stoneking.

- 2) Vice Chair Sr. Paula Marie Buley moved, seconded by Frank Edelblut, to accept the meeting minutes of October 20, 2020. The motion passed without dissent. A rollcall vote was taken by Laura Stoneking.
- Charles Lloyd moved, seconded by Frank Edelblut, to accept the emergency meeting minutes of December 15, 2020. The motion passed without dissent. A roll call vote was taken by Laura Stoneking.
- 4) The Commission discussed representatives for the hedc 400 rules review and revisions subcommittee.
 - o Private Institution Representative
 - Public Institution Representative
 - Other Representative
 - o Dr. Gustafson
 - Department of Education Representative
- 5) Discussion took place regarding NC_SARA coverage for clinical/practicums/ etc. An attachment was provided that gives detailed information. Additionally, the Institution is advised to check with specific professional licensing boards within the State of NH as some have additional education requirements (typically understood as an academic residency) of students seeking NH licensure.
- 6) Laura Stoneking provided information regarding NC-SARA appeals procedure
- 7) Director Appleby discussed highlights from the director's report.
 - Top issues in research and studies this quarter are Covid-19, local college news, and debt and financial issues.
 - The Department is tracking numerous bills with potential implications for the postsecondary education community.
- 8) There was no other business
- 9) Charles Lloyd moved, seconded by Frank Edelblut, to adjourn the meeting at 2:28 p.m. The motion passed without dissent. A roll call was taken by Laura Stoneking.